

Purple Gallinule

9 Sep 1915

Charles City, Floyd Co., IA

Mary A. Dalton, Sydney Wetherbee

Fenton 1916, 1923-24, Gabrielson 1917

Record Number: 93-CP

Classification: NA

REFERENCES

Fenton, C.L. 1916. A preliminary list of the birds of Floyd County Iowa. Wilson Bull. 28:130-138.

Gabrielson, I.N. 1917. A criticism of two recent lists of Iowa birds. Wilson Bull. 29:97-100.

Fenton, C.L. 1923-24. The birds of Floyd County Iowa. Amer. Midl. Nat. 8:189-208, 9:63-79. [p 198].

VOTE: 5 NA

NA, A secondhand report without description or mention of behavior could easily be a misidentification. Date does not seem very likely for Purple Gallinule, but I have not researched this.
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43. *Ionornis martinicus*—Purple Gallinule. This species has been, so far as I know, observed but twice in Floyd county. A single specimen was taken by Mr. John R. Waller, in 1891. Mr. Waller states that he is positive that this specimen was not a Florida Gallinule. On September 9th, 1915, Mrs. Mary A. Dalton, and Miss Sydney Wetherbee, two members of the Califor Naturalist Club, reported one of these birds. It was seen less than one-half mile from the thickly settled portion of Charles City. As it allowed them to approach within fifteen feet of it, and as they carried glasses, a good view of it was obtained. (See Bulletin No. 1 of the Califor Naturalist Club).

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6. *Ionornis martinicus*—Purple Gallinule.

According to Anderson (op. cit, p. 208) this species is a very rare straggler in Iowa and he does not record a single existing specimen. Unless the bird taken by Mr. Waller is still extant to confirm this record it should be excluded from the list. The other bird recorded on sight identification was probably a Florida Gallinule.

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47. *Inornis martinicus* (Linn.) Purple Gallinule. An accidental visitor, reported only twice, J. R. Waller shot a specimen near Charles City in 1891. September 9, 1915, Mrs. Mary A. Dutton and Miss S. E. Wetherbee identified one of these birds on the Cedar River, about one-half mile west of the thickly settled part of Charles City. Mrs. Dutton carried glasses and approached within 15 feet of the bird, and her identification seems to me to be reliable. It was not questioned by Dr. Bailey.